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Sir:

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☐ To the best of applicants' belief, the pertinence of the foreign-language references are believed to be summarized in the attached English abstracts and in the figures, although applicants do not necessarily vouch for the accuracy of the translation.

☐ Examiner's attention is drawn to the following co-pending applications, copies of which have been or are being submitted:

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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and the references made of record therein.

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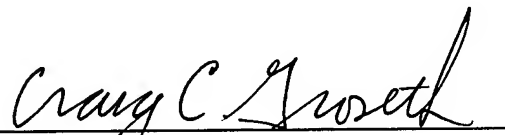
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